

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 21st December 2014

Silent Key – EI8KB

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group have received the sad news of the passing away of Jim Carmody NN5O / EI8KB on 6th December 2014 following a short illness.

Jim was a regular visitor to Ireland and operated in several CQWW contests from Caherciveen in County Kerry where he became good friends with John EI9JO and other members of the Kerry Amateur Radio Group.

May he rest in peace.

Echo Ireland

The latest issue of Echo Ireland includes reports on club activities and DXing, a summary of the recent IARU Conference in Bulgaria, along with news of two new IRTS award programmes.

One of the club activities covered in December's Echo Ireland is the very successful Papa Lima DX Group operation on the Blaskets, which included participation in the IOTA Contest. The report by Ark EI9KC includes plenty of photos from this very picturesque area. Club activity of a different kind is dealt with in an article by Brian EI8EJB, who describes the demonstration station established by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society at the County Louth Agricultural Show in June. There is also an extensive report on the diverse range of activities undertaken by Limerick Radio Club over recent months, as well as updates from South Dublin Radio Club, Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, Galway VHF Group, Mayo Radio Experimenters, Avondhu and Shannon Basin radio clubs.

DX news is covered in the regular "HF Happenings" column by Anthony EI2KC, who talks about 'frequency police' as well as recent and forthcoming DXpeditions. Also on the DX front, Dave EI9FBB tells us about his involvement in the activation of Pelikan Key, a Caribbean island in one of the recently added IOTA island groups.

All this and lots more is covered in the December issue of Echo Ireland.

Radio Rallies in 2015

The first 2015 rally is the annual Phoenix Amateur Radio Club rally, which takes place as usual in the Coolmine Community School, near Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, on Sunday 15th February.

Limerick Radio Club's Annual Radio, Hobbies and Electronics Rally takes place on 8th March and, of course, the last weekend in April – 25th and 26th April – sees the IRTS AGM Weekend and Rally, hosted by the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG.

Not forgetting the IRTS AGM and Rally hosted this year by SEARG at the Hotel Kilkenny on 25th/26th April.

See www.irts.ie/rallies for full details of all these events.

IRTS 80 Metres Counties Contest

IRTS 80 metres Counties Contest takes place on New Year's Day, Thursday 1st January 2015, from 14:00 to 17:00 UTC. Modes are SSB only or SSB and CW, there are fixed and portable sections and a section for listeners. See the web site at www.irts.ie/contests for the contest rules, and note in particular the rule about permitted frequencies for this contest.

DX News

Several stations will be on the air from Ogasawara during the coming weeks. JG7PSJ will be signing JD1BMH until 10 January. He will be QRV on 40 – 10m CW, SSB and RTTY. Then from 22 December – 2 January JI1LET and JA1UII will operate as JD1BOI and JD1BON respectively on 80 – 6m CW, SSB and RTTY.

Clemens DL2GAN hopes to reactivate his 9N7CB callsign from Nepal on Christmas Eve between 08 – 14z on 20m and 15m. He will be operating from the station of 9N1AA. QSL to his home call.

Stephen VE3OC will be QRV from the Turks and Caicos Islands as VP5/VE3OC until 26 December.

Kei KG2A will activate V25A from Antigua from 25 – 30 December. QSL via the home call.

Michael G7VJR, well-known as the creator of ClubLog, will be in Norfolk Island from 26 December – 1 January. While there he will sign VK9N/G7VJR. As usual his QSLs will be looked after by M0OXO.

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CQ CQ CQ calling all club Secretaries and club PRO's to submit news on a weekly basis to the IRTS newsteam for publication in the weekly radio news, EiNews and Echo Ireland.

IRTS publications and radio news service needs and relies on you to send news and items of interest. Send all your news to [newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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